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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Akito NIWA et al.**

Application No.: 09/448,470

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For: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS,  
CRYPTOGRAPHIC  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,  
KEY RECOVERY SYSTEM, AND  
STORAGE MEDIUM

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2003, the period for response to which extends through February 18, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 18 of this paper.

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